

Speech Heleni Hall 18/7/89
Minister Roelf Meyer
Mnr. Die Minister,

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Baie dankie dat u van u waardevolle tyd kon afstaan om vanaand hierdie byeenkoms toe te spreek, veral op die vooraand van die komende verkiesing. *your personal contact in this instance welcome*

My dank aan Dr. Oosthuizen, sy Gade, Mnr. & Mevr. Ligthelm en die Voorsitter van die Party Mnr. van Vuuren vir hul aandeel om hierdie byeenkoms moontlik te maak.

Mnr. Die Minister, Ek weet nie of almal hier teenwoordig vanaand al die vrae ^{of punte} gevra het wat hul kwel van tyd tot tyd nie, vernameklik tydens die huidige politieke klimaat, of van ^{as dit nie self gemaak het} die vrae, vanaand geantwoord is.

Ons Land staan voor 'n geweldige uitdaging in die toekoms. Ek betwyfel geensins die feit dat tot 'n groot mate die Blankes in Suid Afrika reggekry het om 'n eerste wêreld entiteit aan die Suidelike punt van Afrika te bewerkstellig nie - so sal ons ook tesame met die andere, die vermoë vind om 'n ongewone oplossing te vind wat enig is aan die Republiek van Suid Afrika en ons mense.

Ek is oortuig daarvan dat met die Nasionale Party aan bewind en met die ondervinding van ons leiers sal ons die begin van die oplossings spoedig ervaar, en dus kan ons verwag dat ons weer spoedig ons plek binne die wêreld gemeenskap sal vind.

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Mr. Deputy Minister,

There is no doubt that we have very challenging and interesting times before us, but as I have said, I have no doubt that we are capable of finding a solution to our problems in time to ^{come} ~~time~~. We have seen what the peoples of South Africa are capable of achieving ~~and in particular, the whites~~. This strength, it is certain will drive us on to find a solution.

Mr. Minister, from time to time I am faced with a difficult question. Many of those associated with me are people who have had to leave the northern parts of Africa - in every instance - as and when these countries gained what is known as independence. Naturally we don't question the type of so-called independence ^{and democracy as mentioned} that they have obtained. Nevertheless, these people have chosen the Republic of South Africa as their new home, and did not go to Europe or any of the new worlds to which they had access. I am referring to a period of up to 30 years.

Needless to say, one is continuously asked by these people - what is the programme - what do we foresee - because they have had to live through identical motions and symptoms in the countries which they were forced to leave. I trust that many of their questions and dilemma's have been answered this evening.

We look forward to a very positive programme and a reign in order to bring about the beginnings of a fruitful and acceptable solution, ^{as} we know that success is sighted on the horizon, the more those who wish to see anarchy and turmoil prevail will be creating resistance and upheaval wherever possible. ^{- Not to allow the success to eventuate} It is for all of us not to allow them to force us into any "catch twenty two" situations. We must follow-through with our visions and programme.

Once again, Mr. Deputy Minister, thank you . Thank you for being with us this evening.

Last but not least, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like you all to join me in wishing Dr. Oosthuizen all the success in the forthcoming elections.

Alberton has been very fortunate in the past to have had very good political leaders and representatives. True South Africans. I have had the privilege of growing up before some of them and naturally in latter years, sharing a lot of time with the immediate past representatives, Mr. Ligthelm, our Past President, Mr. Marais Viljoen and even good South Africans on the other side of the fence, who also joined the National Party, Mr. Marais Steyn.

Alberton is again privileged to have a personality and a leader who I have no doubt will make his nitch in the politcal arena. Already as ^{member} ~~representative~~ of the President's Council, he has had to deal with what is probably the most difficult portfolio, if I may call it that, ~~but,~~ nevertheless, I am certain that with Dr. Oosthuizen chosen as Alberton's representative, that we will soon see a man make great strides in the political arena for the benefit of one and all.

Dr. Oosthuizen, we wish you all the success and ^{give you} help we can give during the next elections.

^{opposition policies}
"Now tell them about the people standing on the otherside of the fence".

Once again, thank you, thank you to one and all for coming along this evening and please join my wife and I in some light snacks which have been prepared by two wonderful friends of ours, Mesdames Billis and Papadogiannakis.

Thank you.

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